Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* It is all miscellaneous jungle timber which has not got a market in the State.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: മരം വെട്ടിയതുകൊണ്ടാണ് മഴ ശരിയായി ഉണ്ടാകാത്തത് എന്ന മനസ്സിലായിട്ടും ഇനിയും അതു നശിപ്പിക്കുവാനാണോ പുറപ്പെട്ടതു?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Firstly, that assumption that cutting down trees in any way affects the precipitation of rain is wrong. Secondly, we are not overfelling. Our forest so far has not been developed for want of communication lines. The opening of the Anamalais road about 45 to 50 miles of which runs through reserve forests will enable us to develop practically virgin jungle area to the extent of 200 to 300 square miles. It is up to the Forest Department to work it to the advantage of the State.

Demand put and carried

58. "A5-Communications and Buildings"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I rise to move for additional allotment of Rs. 22,000 under "A5-Communications and Buildings". Two wooden bridges are proposed to be constructed along the Kallampara—Thanikudan road to facilitate lorry transport by that road. As the Ambalapad area has been planted, carts transporting Forest Produce are using the Thanikudam—Ambalapad lorry road. If carts are allowed to use this unmetalled road in course of time it will become useless for transport except in summer. Hence the necessity for metalling the road. These works are to be taken up this year itself.

Demand put and carried

The Cochin Payment of Slaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, as explained in the statement that was read to the House yesterday, I beg leave of the House to introduce the following amendments to the Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill.—

"In clause I of the Bill for the words and figures "15th day of Mithunam 1120", the words and figures "1st day of Chingam 1121" shall be substituted".

The amendment is to bring into effect the salaries provided by this Bill from the 1st of Chingam of the current year instead of the 15th Mithunam last. I request that the amendment may be accepted.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Amendment put and carried

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move the following amendment to clause 3 of the Bill.—

"In clause 3, the second proviso to section 4(2) shall be deleted".

The intention is that none should be eligible for both daily allowance and Railway Fare on the same day. Railway fare is granted at one and a half times the rate of the class allowed. In this particular case one and a half times the first class is allowed. The extra half of the railway fare is intended to cover contingencies and other costs of travel. Therefore it is not right to have the Daily Allowance also for the same day.

Mr. P. A. Mohammed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* Will milage be allowed for the same day.

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Milage and Daily allowance cannot be allowed.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Governmen):* Milage limited to daily allowance.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I oppose this amendment. I had been responsible for the amendment which is now sought to be deleted. Then I had the support of the House—support of course of not all the Members. Those of the Hon'ble Members who remember the nature of the voting at that time will bear out my statement that it was a curious process of voting that was had at that time. At the instance of the Ministerialist party, the reserved half of the Government brought forward an amending Bill to this House.

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